



Writing with your child



Dear Families,

The marks and drawings children make, act as expressions of their thoughts and ideas. With your support, your child will continue to build on these early stages to become an enthusiastic writer!

How you can help

Why write?



Writing is an important lifelong skill. Children need to learn to write so they can communicate and express themselves. They learn that you can communicate through writing, and that marks have meaning, by watching you write.

When you read texts, you show that print carries meaning. When you write, you explain what decisions you are making in your mind, so children understand how they share thoughts, ideas and feelings. By modelling writing in this way you are supporting your child to:

- understand language patterns
- know there are different purposes for writing
- develop their thinking skills
- solve problems
- make sense of their experiences
- see how sounds become words on paper.

- Encourage your child to write in everyday situations. This will help your child to understand the purpose of writing.
- Involve your child as you write shopping lists, notes, birthday cards or appointments on the calendar.
- Carry pens and paper in your bag so that your child can have fun using them in different situations, such as at the bank or post office.
- There are different ways we can write to our friends and family. If you are writing emails or text messages talk about what you are doing and involve your child.
- Ensure there are plenty of writing materials around the house for your child to experiment with and enjoy, such as pens, pencils, crayons and paper. Old diaries, calendars and notebooks make useful paper for writing on.